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at the pump. And I...it's hard for me to level with that fact when it's being billed as choice. Some input that I received, their primary concern was physical storage, and that's what this amendment relates to. And the fact is tanks are expensive to maintain and probably even more expensive to implement. So the problem is that I think the price will go up because of the considerations needed to give to this issue to supposedly create this choice that is being sold here. And I just have a big problem with it and that is why I rise in support of this amendment because it's a step toward free market and that is, I think, what we need to do. I support LB 536. I part ways with Senator Chambers on that I realize, but I believe that LB 536 is a way to promote a product that needs promoted because I think that there is a place for it, but the place is not in a mandate that will only force up the price of the least expensive gasoline. And let's even...and let's even assume that "Big Oil", as many will say, let's assume that "Big Oil" is mean and evil as they've been portrayed, then they'll just raise the price of everything to accomplish the supposed purposes that have been outlined earlier in this discussion. So that is why I believe that we need to support the free market and support this amendment, and I hope that this bill, LB 75 can be amended in a fashion that supports the free market and can advance based on those principles. Thank you , Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President...

SENATOR CUDABACK: This will be your last time outside of closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On this particular amendment. Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, back to "Alice in Wonderland". Senator Connealy is going to restrict...he's going to expand choice by taking away choice. He's going to create more options by reducing the number of options. With me, that does compute. Here is what Senator Connealy's bill is going to do. Let me describe the way the situation appears to be. In many service stations, there are three grades of gasoline: regular, ethanol blend and premium. And some sell diesel. What